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SUBJECT: VISITORS TO PHOENIX ISLANDS

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1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD PUZZLED BY REFERENCE IN REF A TO "AGREEMENT ON U.S. USE OF CANTON, BIRNEY AND HULL ISLANDS." THE ONLY AGREEMENTS REGARDING THIS MATTER OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE ARE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT OF NOVEMBER 14, 1970, AS APPROVED BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN FEBRUARY 1971, AND JUNE 10, 1971, EXCHANGE OF NOTES REGARDING PAYMENT OF THE SUM CONTEMPLATED BY PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT. IT APPEARS THAT FCO IS REFERRING TO THE DRAFT AGREEMENT REGARDING USE OF THESE ISLANDS THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED SINCE EARLY 1972. LAST MESSAGE PERTAINING TO THIS DRAFT AGREEMENT IN OUR FILE IS REF B. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD ENSURE THAT NO MISUNDERSTANDING EXISTS

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BETWEEN USG AND HMG ON STATUS OF THIS DRAFT AGREEMENT.

2. PARAGRAPH 1(I) OF 1970 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT
AUTHORIZES OFFICIAL VISITS OF HMG AUTHORITIES TO THE
ISLANDS AND PROVIDES THAT ACCESS OF OTHER PERSONS WILL
BE SUBJECT TO THE AGREEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AUTHORITIES. AS A MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THESE PROVISIONS
OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT, DEPARTMENT AND DOD ARE

AGREEABLE TO FCO PROPOSAL THAT NOTICE OF OFFICIAL VISITS
AND REQUESTS FOR OTHER VISITS FROM GILBERT AND ELLIS
ISLANDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMANDER, SAMTEC, VANDENBERG
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